

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Outgoing Chairman

John Squire

Dear Friends,

The year 2004 - 2005 was a period of ups and downs for CCP13. On the up side was another superb production of *Fibre Diffraction Review* (volume 12), the largest ever Annual CCP13-NCD Workshop, this time in Grenoble and superbly organised locally by Trevor Forsyth (see pages AA-BB), and the first Workshop of the US Fiber Diffraction Network (FiberNet), closely associated with CCP13, which was a very enjoyable event at the APS, Chicago (see pages 9 - 10). On the down side were disappointed attempts to obtain further Research Council funding from BBSRC and EPSRC. For the first time in 14 years, our application was not renewed. This means that we have now had to lose the services of both Jane Crawshaw and Andrew He, and our thanks and good wishes for successful future careers go with them. Ganeshalingham Rajkumar is continuing with me at Imperial College and has been heavily involved not only in manning the CCP13 website single-handed, but also in developing the FibreFix software package which is described in detail on pages 11-18 of the present volume. We hope that this new package will make all the old and trusted CCP13 programs much more easy to use and we have incorporated many new features into it. Your feedback on this is essential to make the package as useful as it can be for the widest possible spectrum of users.

For the time being, *Fibre Diffraction Review* is continuing, but further production of this Journal will depend on support from the NCD community, from Research Councils and possibly from advertisers. At the very least I hope it will continue in electronic format on the CCP13 website, but I have always been very proud of our beautiful, full colour, hardcopies which have always been much admired over the years and have been wonderful publicity for CCP13. I hope that we will be able to find a way for the production of the paper version to continue.

Earlier this year, in view of the hiatus in our funding, and the need to bring in fresh blood to lead CCP13, I decided to step down as CCP13 Chairman and, after sounding out the views of the CCP13 Committee, Professor Tim Wess from Cardiff University was invited to take over as the new Chairman, a role which I am delighted to say he agreed to accept. I wish him every success in steering CCP13 in new and fruitful directions and I hope you will all give him your full support so that CCP13 remains strong and vigorous.

On a personal note, I could not have acted as Chairman over recent years without the very strong, vigorous and

erudite support of the then Deputy Chairman, Trevor Forsyth, and I acknowledge here my (and our) indebtedness to him for all his hard work and dedication.

John Squire

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Incoming Chairman

Tim Wess

Dear Friends,

As the new Chairman of CCP13 I would like to take this opportunity to thank John and Trevor for their skilled guidance over the last 14 years. I believe that John, Trevor and I are among a very small group of CCP13 members who have had the pleasure of attending every Annual Workshop. During this time I have had the opportunity to watch John steer CCP13 from its beginnings at the Daresbury laboratory to the internationally recognised organisation it now forms. The founding of FiberNet, the American counterpart of CCP13, shows that there is a pressing need for co-operation between like-minded researchers world wide.

Since the creation of CCP13 14 years ago, we have seen major changes in the way that and the rate at which scattering data are collected in non-crystalline systems at both X-ray and neutron sources. As an organisation we have to embrace this new progress and develop a forum for software development that will remain in the vanguard of data analysis and modelling for many years to come.

The way forward requires funding for a sustainable future, where we hope that more Research Councils will recognise the valuable input of CCP13 software development and the high quality science it engenders. Personally, I am committed to spreading the news of CCP13 developments as widely as possible. I envisage the strengthening of relationships with other CCPs where synergy can be built, the closer interaction with central facilities, and the development of more Workshops, site visits and consultancies that will educate the new and established user community and will provide user feedback to the CCP13 software creators.

Tim Wess